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Dear Neighbors:

Your Village Board continues to move forward on the acquisition of the Westwood property for open space preservation in the northeast quadrant of the Village. We are still pursuing additional State and private foundation grants to complement the Village's commitment of one million dollars and Westchester County's commitment of three million dollars in order to achieve the total \$6,850,000 acquisition price. The acquired undeveloped land will be conjoined with other public lands to form a 340 acre preserve which will protect unique and threatened environmental and wildlife resources. The preserve will be largest such area in southern Westchester and will include trails as well as platforms for viewing habitats and wildlife in their natural environment. The property is endowed with great natural beauty and significant environmental features including rocky steep slopes, springs of water, an old fashioned ice pond with handsome masonry, a large wetland, and several smaller wetlands, carriage roads, informal trails, old stone walls from its pre-woodlot use as farm land, and ravines, all of which are secluded from roads and housing.

The Village will contribute an adjoining half-acre site with an existing house on it which when renovated will serve as a nature education center and staging area for fieldtrips into the preserve. The nature center is planned to include permanent and occasional exhibits relative to the natural environment and indigenous wildlife of the region. The center will present programs including fieldtrips for children to familiarize them with the natural environment and wildlife of the area, adult education classes to include such topics as seminars on how to deal with deer population in a suburban area, and private wetlands management programs. The education center is anticipated to present special programs conducted by associated organizations such as learning how and then participating in bird watching with the Audubon Society. The mission of the education center will be to foster greater respect, and better care for the natural environment and its wildlife.

This tentatively called "South County Nature Preserve and Education Center" will create a unique and continuous swath of preserved natural environment, will be a sanctuary of wilderness refuge in an often hectic suburban atmosphere, will allow children to know the natural environment of their area, and will be a treasure for generations to come. It will be yet another very special resource in our very special community.

Dennis P. Flood, Mayor



Mayor Flood and Supt of Parks & Recreation Joe Archino congratulate Frank Imperatore and Frank Gasparini, Coaches of the Irvington Boys Baseball 16 Year Old & Under League Champions



Polling Location Changed

Please be advised voters in the 79th Election District in Irvington will no longer vote at the Ardsley-on-Hudson Railroad Station. The polling place has been permanently changed to Village Hall, 85 Main Street.

The Village Hall is handicapped accessible, and there is much more room available than there was at the railroad station. Since there are two election districts at this location, be sure to go to the correct table - the one marked E. D. #79.

This will remain your polling place for all primary, general, and Village elections.

The 79th Election District generally covers the Southeast quadrant of the Village including most areas South of Harriman Road and East of Broadway. However, if you are unsure of exactly which election district you reside in, call the Village Clerk's office at 591-7070.



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Autumn is here and with its arrival comes the Fall Leaf Season Clean-up. The Department of Public Works would like to remind all residents that their cooperation is necessary in order to have a successful Fall Clean-up season here in Irvington.

The rules and regulations regarding Leaf Season clean-up can be found on the back of the Sanitation Schedule that is mailed to each residence in December of each year. If you did not receive one or it is misplaced, you may obtain one by calling the DPW at 591-6044 or by sending an E-mail to gnilsson@irvingtonny.gov

Leaves should be placed curbside loose in front of your own property. Do not place them in the road as they clog up the catch basins, which adversely affects the Village's storm drainage system.

The DPW picks up leaf piles curbside. The piles must be accessible as they are picked up by machine. Please do not place piles behind depressed curbs or near trees, signs, fire hydrants or fences. Also do not place piles on top of water or gas shut-offs, drainage culverts or any other structure that could possibly be damaged upon removal.

The DPW also accepts leaves, yard waste and grass clippings in biodegradable paper bags. Plastic pots, clay pots, plastic planting trays or any type of garbage must not be placed in these biodegradable paper bags as this type of material is not recyclable. Plastic bags are not acceptable and will not be picked up.

Recycling Reminder: Glass; metal and plastic bottles and cans (commingled) must not be placed in paper or plastic bags. Commingled recycling must be placed in a recycling bin or a suitable container. Newspapers ect. may be tied or placed in paper bags or in a recycling bin. Paper and metal may not be mixed. Recycling that is put out in plastic bags will not be picked up.

The Village of Irvington provides recycling bins free of charge to residents. If you are in need of a recycling bin or have any questions concerning the recycling program please call 591-6044.

The Village of Irvington Department of Public Works is very proud of our Recycling Program. Of the 43 municipalities reporting solid waste collection to Westchester County for the year 2002, Irvington was # 5 on list reporting 68% of our solid waste collected as recycled. With public awareness and cooperation we can look forward to increasing that percentage in the future.



September 11th Memorial at Scenic Hudson Park

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Child Passenger Seats

One of the services that the police department gladly offers to village residents is the inspection and installation of child passenger seats. We presently have three officers who have attended extensive training and are certified as Child Passenger Safety Technicians by The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Upon request, these officers will first check the safety of a specific car seat. They will then check on its installation and make any necessary corrections. To schedule an appointment: contact P.O. Peter Carelli, 591-8080, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Parking

With the resumption of fall sports leagues, many more residents will be using the village parks. Coaches, participants, and spectators are asked to observe all parking regulations. Reckless parking and blocked roadways are more than an annoyance or a violation. They present a safety hazard for the people using the park and the residents of the immediate neighborhoods. In an emergency: emergency service vehicles (police, fire, and ambulance) need clear access. Clearing a blocked roadway could waste precious time. Enjoy the parks but please adhere to the regulations.

Halloween Safety

The police department will soon visit the lower grades of the local schools to distribute Halloween "goodie bags" to the students. Officers will also address safety tips during their visit. It is important for parents to reinforce these precautions with their children, especially alertness to vehicle traffic, as children go door to door. Parents are also urged to examine all candy before allowing children to eat it.



IrvingtonNY.gov Official Village web site "Re-Launched"

The Village of Irvington's official web site can now be accessed by entering **www.IrvingtonNY.gov** into your web browser's address bar. This easy-to-remember address replaces the prior web site address (village.irvington.ny.us), however, all references to the old address will still work.

In addition to the new name, the site has been re-organized to allow information to be found more easily. A navigation menu has been created to allow access to the following major categories of information:

- Village departments
- Boards/committees
- The meeting calendar
- The Village Code
- Commonly used forms
- Mailing list information
- Contact information

For access to more detailed information within the web site, an alphabetical web site index has been created. If you have any comments or questions, contact Clerk-Treasurer, Larry Schopfer at lschopfer@irvingtonny.gov



Just a friendly reminder that
School is Open

The Police Department
Urges all motorists to take
extra safety measures when driving
And Remember

You ***Must Stop*** when a
School Bus is stopped to let passengers off



Irvington Town Hall Theater

Now that the leaves are starting to turn those gorgeous colors of fall and the air has that crisp feel; it is time to come inside and attend some red hot events at your local

Theater. We have an interesting palette of colorful events for even the most discerning patron. Currently our backstage is a buzz of activity with actors rehearsing and set construction for ITHT, Inc.'s 11th musical, **Carousel**, directed by Michael Penta, which opens November 1st and runs for five more performances. Don't miss this Rogers & Hammerstein hit touted as *the best musical of the century*, Time Magazine in 1999! For the jazz devotee, Mainstage Entertainment is bringing **A Co Bill of Susan Werner and Patty Larkin in Concert**, on December 5th. On December 7th, the **All Star Broadway Holiday Concert** returns for their seventh encore performance. Irvington's Rob Evans has gone on tour, but John Tracey Eagan of **The Producers** will replace him as a co-host of the concert with Niel Berg and various current Broadway stars. It is not every day that Broadway comes to Irvington!

For the family (age 8 and up) and all sports fans, Emmy award winner Doug Wilson, the producer for ABC's Wide World of Sports for almost 40 years, will present in an evening of stories and videos about some of the most amazing personalities and historic sports happenings of the 20th century. Special guests Peggy Fleming and Dick Button, Olympic skating champions will be on hand for autograph signing. This event is a benefit for the Irvington Historical Society for an Irvington History Center located in the McVickar House on Main Street. Please note the price change: \$25 for adults and \$20 for seniors and students.

You don't have to be a kid to love the magic of **David Grover and the Big Bear Band**, back by popular demand for the school vacation on Dec. 27th. Other holiday events for the family are Sleepy Hollow Performing Arts Center's **Nutcracker, Now 2003!**, Westchester Dreamcoats' **Kids in Toyland** and Tribes Hill's **Sleepy Hollow Solstice**. A very special event for teens is PMT's first ever **Westchester Teen Idol**, November 21st.

If any of this seems to pique your interest, visit our website www.IrvingtonTheater.com or call the box office at 591-6602.

Tree Sponsor Program in Scenic Hudson Park

A variety of trees throughout Scenic Hudson Park at Irvington have been selected to be part of a Tree Sponsorship program. For a fee of \$600, sponsors can create an inscription for a bronze plaque that will be mounted on a stone paver and placed at the base of the tree.

Species among the seventy five trees targeted for this program include Red Maple, Elm, Honeylocust, River Birch, London Planetree, Japanese Pagodatree and others.

Scenic Hudson Park, a 12 acre Park on the Hudson River features two lighted ballfields, two playgrounds, a lighted basketball court, a Senior Citizens Center, a boat ramp and a half-mile walking path with views of the NYC skyline and the Tappan Zee Bridge.

The Village of Irvington will accept paid sponsorships on a first come, first served basis. For more information and for an application and a map of the tree locations, please call the Irvington Recreation Department at 591-7736.



At The Library

The Irvington Public Library is located at 12 S. Astor St and is open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 am to 9 pm. We hope you'll come to these programs.

On Sunday, October 19th at 4 pm, **The Irvington Historical Society** invites you to Art in Food and Food in Art! A slide show, lecture and tasting. Dutch-American food historian, Peter Rose, will explore foods depicted in 17th century Dutch paintings and their relevance to the American kitchen today. Mrs. Rose, an author and columnist, will offer Dutch-style refreshments.

Parenting Children at Different Stages of Development – a series of workshops sponsored by Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center, Immaculate Conception School and the library. Dr. Linda Fallo-Mitchell, a developmental psychologist, who is a consultant, editor, researcher and statistician, will lead workshops on:

Media and Technology: Parental Guidance or Parental Surrender? On Tuesday, Oct 21st at 9:45 am at the Irvington Library.

Discipline & Setting Limits: Choosing your "battles" on Tuesday, Nov 18th at 9:45 am at the Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center of the Irvington Presbyterian Church, 25 N. Broadway.

Teasing & Bullying: Can we stop the cycle? On Tuesday, Dec 9th at **7:30 pm** at The Immaculate Conception School.

The workshops are free. Babysitting will be provided. Please register for one or all the workshops by calling the Children's Room at the library (591-7840)

On Tuesday, October 21st at 7:30 pm. **The Garden Club of Irvington on Hudson** is presenting a program open to the public on "Wildflowers and Ferns." The speaker is Judith Sullivan of the Institute of Ecosystem Studies.

On November 9th, Irvington resident Sergei Nazarov and the **Armonia String Quartet** will present a concert at the library. A native of Odessa, Mr. Nazarov received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in violin performance from the Manhattan School of Music. Mr. Nazarov's New York performances include appearances at Carnegie Hall, Weill Recital Hall, Merkin Concert Hall, and Alice Tully Hall. Please call the library for more information about time and program.

On Saturday, November 15th, we will be hosting a **Chess Simultaneous** starting at 1 pm.

Chess Master, Jerry Kurtzberg, will simultaneously play up to twenty chess games against young adults and adults. This free event is open to twenty players. Young adults must be in 7th grade or higher. Players are asked to bring "standard size" chess sets (3-3/4" King, 1-1/2" base) and boards, if they have them. Registration is recommended at the Library or by calling 591-7840.

Lynn Schmeidler, M.Ed, will lead three **creative writing workshops** on Tuesdays, Nov 2nd, 9th and 16th at 7 pm. Ms Schmeidler has taught in both private and public schools and has published fiction, non-fiction and poetry.

On Saturday, Nov 22nd, the **Friends of the Library** will hold a book sale. The sale will continue on Sunday. Immediately following the sale, the Friends will present their fall program. Again, please call the library for exact time and program.

On Dec 4th at pm, **Elyse Karlin**, President of the American Society of Jewelry Historians, will speak about antique jewelry. She is a well-known jewelry historian who has written about the jewelry of the Arts & Crafts Movement. Her articles have appeared in Heritage Magazine, Bride Magazine and Auction Market Report. She will also display some of her jewelry





Halloween Events

Hayride In The Park

Saturday, October 18th - 5:00 - to 7:30 p.m.

The Hayride has returned! Come and enjoy a night out in beautiful Matthiessen Park. Adult must accompany children.

There will be horse & wagon rides, refreshments, and music will be provided by the "Tumbleweed Mile Band".

Registration is not required.



Window Painting Contest "Please note - No Judging"

Saturday, October 25th - 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Grades 1st - through 6th

Participants paint *Halloween* pictures on store windows.

Teams may consist 1 or 2 members and they must be in the same grade. Registration begins September 15th and ends on Wednesday, October 22nd. Pre-registration is required for this event.



AND IN NOVEMBER

"THE TURKEY TROT - 2.5 MILE RUN"

Sunday, November 23rd

1:15 p.m. - Beginning at Dows Land School.

Register day of event in school cafeteria
from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.



For additional information on any of the programs
please call the Recreation Center at: 591-7736.



HALLOWEEN PARADE

Co-Sponsored by the
Irvington Volunteer Fire Department

Sunday, October 26th - 2:45 - 4:00 p.m.

Begins at 2:45 p.m. sharp!

Parade will begin in the Immaculate Conception School parking lot and end in the Middle School parking lot. An adult must accompany child.

Refreshments, trick-or-treatbags & music will be provided. Registration is not required.



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